



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD (UFB)
REGULAR MEETING
6726 WALNUT STREET
FRISCO, TEXAS 75034**

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009

MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Dale Smeal called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. A quorum was present and the agenda was properly posted.

Board Members Present: Chair Dale Smeal, Vice Chair Christy Argo, Secretary Dave Preston, Board Member Mike Zapata and Board Member Marc Kirkland

Staff Present: Manager of Parks Services Bob Johnson

FISD Staff Present: Elementary Science Facilitator Melanie Cornelius

2. Citizen Appearance

Christine Preston, Jake Argo

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Consider and act upon the Minutes of the January 28th, 2009 Urban Forestry Board (UFB) Regular Meeting.

Secretary Dave Preston moved to approve the Minutes of the January 28th, 2009 Urban Forestry (UFB) Meeting. Board Member Mike Zapata seconded the Motion. Motion carried. Vote: 5-0.

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4. Discussion regarding 2009 elementary school educational programs.

Melanie Cornelius, Frisco ISD Elementary Science Facilitator, updated the UFB Members on FISD's educational accomplishments for 2008. Ms. Cornelius expressed her appreciation to the Board Members for their continued support and participation in the elementary school's programs. She further informed the Board that Frisco ISD was number one in the state with more than 500 teachers trained in environmental education. Ms. Cornelius told the Board she was looking forward to continuing the partnership in 2009.

Discussion only. No formal action was taken.

5. Discussion regarding the progress Ben Wright has made on his Eagle Scout project at Frisco Commons.

Manager of Parks Services, Bob Johnson, informed the Board that Eagle Scout candidate Ben Wright had installed all of the tree identification poles and most of the plaques. He added that a few of the plaques had to be special ordered and should be installed within the next month. The Board asked Mr. Johnson to request that Parks & Recreation Director, Rick Wieland, write a letter of appreciation to Ben for his service to the community and the Urban Forestry Board.

Discussion only. No formal action was taken.

6. Discussion and update regarding an urban forestry summer camp for kids.

Board Member Marc Kirkland informed the Board that he had spoken with a representative from the northern district for the Special Olympics. The Board agreed to move forward with a summer camp for this group. Board Member Marc Kirkland and Vice Chair Christy Argo will begin working on a model for the summer camp.

Discussion only. No formal action was taken.

7. Update on the Urban Forestry Board (UFB) web pages site activity.

Manager of Parks Services, Bob Johnson, updated the Board on the current status of the UFB web pages. The Board asked Mr. Johnson if he would contact the Communication Department about the possibility of adding a box to the City

of Frisco home page that could be clicked on for easier access to the UFB pages.

Discussion only. No formal action was taken.

8. Consider and act upon the approval of the 2009 Urban Forestry Board (UFB) calendar.

Board Member Marc Kirkland moved to approve the 2009 Urban Forestry Board calendar as submitted. Vice Chair Christy Argo seconded the Motion. Motion carried. Vote: 5-0.

9. Miscellaneous discussion and future agenda items.

- Vice Chair Christy Argo informed the Board that several members of the Frisco Senior Center wanted to participate in a tree identification tour at Frisco Commons during the month of May, with a date to be determined in the future.

ADJOURN

Board Member Mike Zapata moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Secretary Dave Preston seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

Dave Preston, Secretary

Dale Smeal, Chair